

### **In the Specification**

Please replace paragraph 22 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 7 is a top view of the ~~striper~~stripper, cutter base plate/material cradle of a half-round end cutter embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph 23 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 8 is a 3-dimensional wire frame view of a half-round gasket cutter base plate showing the cutting blade relief and ~~striper~~stripper plate for an end cutter embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace paragraph 31 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 2 depicts an end view of the cassette end cutter of Fig. 1. This view depicts the detail of the top front safety shield 15, top rear safety shield 19, bottom front safety shield 17, bottom rear safety shield 20, and the ~~striper~~stripper 12. The short cutting blade 9 is visible from this view. The short cutting blade 9 completes the end cut, cutting lateral to the longitudinal cut of the long blade, preferable at approximately 95-degrees from the long blade cut, although other angles are certainly possible and not prohibited by the design. The bottom safety shields act as material guides.

Please replace paragraph 37 with the following amended paragraph:

In the preferred embodiment, the bottom front safety shield/material guide 17 and the bottom rear safety shield/material guide 20 are screwed to the cutter base plate/material cradle 13 at each end with shield mounting screws 16. The ~~striper~~stripper 12 is then positioned over both bottom shields 17, 20 and the cutter base plate/material cradle 13 and three mounting screws

16, front and back, are installed through both. The top shields 15, 19 traverse down over the lower shields 17, 20 and the ~~striper~~stripper 12. The ~~striper~~stripper 12 is preferable made of a hard material, such as tool steel or the like, and is made to fit over the cutter base plate/material cradle 13. In this embodiment, it also fits over both lower shields 17, 20. The ~~striper~~stripper 12 has a close tolerance slot cut in it to match the cutting edge of the blades. There may also be windows cut out of the front surface. When used in a manual press these windows are used to view the alignment of the material for cut placement. With the cassette module expanded, blades 8, 9 pull up just out of the ~~striper~~stripper 12. Fig. 2 shows the relationship of the punch plate/blade retainer plate 7, long cutting blade 8, short cutting blade 9, top shields 15, 19, lower shields 17, 20, ~~striper~~stripper 12, and the cutter base plate/material cradle 13.

Please replace paragraph 38 with the following amended paragraph:

With the adapter pressure plate mounting pin fixed to the press ram and the cutter base plate/material cradle 13 mounted to the press frame using the cassette base mounting screws 14, the tool is ready for making an end cut. Material is passed through the cassette to the point where the cut is desired. When the press is activated, blades 8, 9 pass through the ~~striper~~stripper 12, cut through the material when the sharp edge blade bottom comes in contact with the cutter base plate/material cradle 13, and stop. Reversing the press pulls the blades up out of the material through the ~~striper~~stripper, which holds the material down and in shape, allowing full blade extraction. The material is then linearly moved along the longitudinal axis of the cassette module to the next cut location, and the cutting process is repeated.

Please replace paragraph 42 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 6 is a 3-dimensional view of a gasket stock 60 showing the cut made by, and blade ~~arrangement~~arrangement 62 of, the corner cutter embodiment of the present invention. Although many different blade arrangements are feasible in the present invention, preferably for a 90-degree cut, or approximate right angle cut, the blades form a series of triangular shapes that are approximately 0.25 inches from point-to-point 64 and approximately 1 inch in height for ½" thick gasket stock, although other heights are easily adaptable to the cassette module design, provided that the blade height is adjusted accordingly.

Please replace paragraph 43 with the following amended paragraph:

For gaskets that are rounded or partially rounded, the cutter base plate/material cradle may be shaped to accommodate the curvature. Fig. 7 is a top view of the ~~striper~~stripper 74 and cutter base plate/material cradle 72 of a half-round end cutter embodiment 70 of the present invention. Fig. 8 is a 3-deminsional wire frame view 80 of the half-round gasket cutter base plate 82 showing the cutting blade relief 84 and ~~striper~~stripper plate 86 for an end cutter embodiment.